

STOCKTON IN ASHES

Fire Sweeps Town in Worcester County, Md.

SLEEPING YOUTH LOSES LIFE

Explosion of Turpentine or Powder Starts Blaze that Cannot Be Gotten Under Control for Five Hours—Loss Estimated at \$60,000, with but Little Insurance.

Special to The Washington Herald.

Snow Hill, Md., Nov. 20.—The town of Stockton, Worcester County, Md., about nine miles below Snow Hill, on the Delaware, Maryland and Virginia Railroad, was visited by a fire early this morning which destroyed every business house in the town except the Stockton Bank Building. One young man lost his life.

About ten o'clock a terrific explosion occurred in the storehouse of P. E. Wharton & Son, tearing out one end of the building and setting fire to it.

Asleep in a room of the storehouse was Clarence Parsons, a clerk who was burned to death.

The flames spread rapidly, and soon the entire population of about 400 people were working hard with buckets of water to stop their progress and save their homes.

Only One Building Escapes.

The flames leaped from one business house to another, and with an incredible time every store, shop, hotel and other business house was consumed, except the bank building, which is constructed of brick.

The explosion, from which the fire originated, is supposed to have been caused by a barrel of turpentine or a keg of powder.

When it occurred, Justice of the Peace W. O. Payne was sitting in his office next to Wharton's store. He was thrown from his chair, and the building was shaken as if by an earthquake.

Sixteen buildings were burned, entailing a loss of \$60,000, with only a small insurance.

Those who lost by the fire are:

P. E. Wharton & Son, storehouse and stock.

Store occupied by W. O. Payne, confectioner; owned by Z. P. Wharton.

King B. Johnson, barber shop.

Wharton's granary.

L. J. Houston & Son, store and stock of goods.

Z. P. Wharton, storehouse, formerly occupied by F. T. Taylor.

Taylor & Powell, dwelling-house, unoccupied.

A. S. Bromley, stables.

E. J. Duer, hotel.

Storehouse occupied by Harry Shockley, owned by E. J. Duer.

James Smack, storehouse.

Storehouse occupied by Miss E. D. Justice, a millinery store, owned by James Smack.

Dwelling and shop occupied by W. H. Sturges, owned by James Smack.

M. B. Paradise, storehouse and dwelling.

A. S. Bromley, storehouse and stock of foods.

Checked After Five Hours.

The fire was checked after five hours, as it burned southward, at the residence of Mrs. Nancy Burdage, which building was saved by the bucket brigade.

The flames were stopped north at the bank building, and west after they had destroyed the handsome hotel building of E. J. Duer.

The people are determined to rebuild their places of business, and friends will assist those who have been almost ruined by the fire.

Mr. Parsons, who lost his life in an upper room of the Wharton store, was no doubt either so badly stunned by the explosion as to render him unconscious or he was killed outright. His remains have not been found. He was about twenty-three years old.

Z. P. Wharton is one of the heaviest losers, and had little insurance. Mr. Wharton is a man of considerable means, and is well known throughout the State as a member of the state board of education.

GRAND JURY FINDS 50 BILLS.

Makes Little Progress Investigating Laytonville Poisoning Case.

Special to The Washington Herald.

Rockville, Md., Nov. 20.—The grand jury for this county reported fifty indictments into court this afternoon, one of which contained twenty-four counts.

This indictment is for selling liquor. The parties in the case were against seven indictments have been brought, will appear in court to-morrow morning, and their cases will be set for trial. The criminal docket will be taken up Thursday.

So far there has been but one witness before the grand jury to give evidence in the arson and poisoning cases at Laytonville. The state's attorney is experiencing considerable trouble finding witnesses who will tell anything about the affair.

It has been learned that the indictment against the Chevy Chase Club, which was found some time past, will not be tried at the next term. The case has been kept secret.

Col. Joseph H. Sherrard Is Dead.

Special to The Washington Herald.

Lexington, Va., Nov. 20.—Col. Joseph H. Sherrard, aged seventy-one, died here to-day. He was a son of Judge Joseph H. Sherrard, of Winchester. He was a lieutenant in Company H, Eleventh Virginia Cavalry, and later was a member of the State Board of Education.

He represented Rockbridge, Bath and Highland counties in the Virginia State Senate in the early sixties. His funeral will take place to-morrow morning at R. E. Lee Memorial Episcopal Church.

George W. Eyer Is Dead.

Special to The Washington Herald.

Hagerstown, Md., Nov. 20.—George W. Eyer, superintendent of the American Ice Company, is dead at Waynesboro, eleven miles north of Hagerstown, from Bright's disease, aged sixty-seven years.

Mr. Eyer had charge of the plants in Washington, Baltimore, Philadelphia, New York and Atlantic City. He had his headquarters in Baltimore.

Fire at Chambersburg.

Special to The Washington Herald.

Hagerstown, Md., Nov. 20.—A large fire broke out at Chambersburg this morning. The fire department worked for several hours before the fire was under control. The blaze is believed to have been of incendiary origin. The loss is partially covered by insurance.

Fireman Killed in Roundhouse.

Special to The Washington Herald.

Roanoke, Va., Nov. 20.—George Robertson, a Norfolk and Western roundhouse fireman, was killed at Radford to-night while backing his engine into a roundhouse. He was twenty-two years old and married.

Remains of Seabury Brought Back.

Special to The Washington Herald.

Lynchburg, Va., Nov. 20.—The remains of W. J. Seabury, who died several days ago at Denver, Colo., where he went a month ago seeking relief from tuberculosis, reached here to-day.

INDICTED FOR VOTE-BUYING.

Two Dorchester Republicans Made to Feel Severity of Law.

Special to The Washington Herald.

Cambridge, Md., Nov. 20.—When the grand jury met at Cambridge on Monday of last week, Judge Henry Lloyd instructed it to investigate any charges of bribery which might be brought before it.

The jury, in pursuance of Judge Lloyd's instructions, investigated such charges as were brought to its attention, with the result that indictments were found against two prominent Republicans of Vienna, a town of several hundred inhabitants in Upper Dorchester, eighteen miles from Cambridge.

While many persons are anxious to see vote-buying done away with, it is not likely that a very strong sentiment for the punishment of those who buy votes will be found to exist in any section of the country. So many persons have bought votes in Dorchester that there will be found a goodly number who will deplore making an example of one or two while the rest go free.

KEEP ELOPEMENT SECRET.

Baltimore Couple Wait Two Years Before Announcing Marriage.

Special to The Washington Herald.

Baltimore, Md., Nov. 20.—Married for two years, Warren Tatum Fox, 21 North Stricker street, and Beulah Kaldenbach, daughter of Mrs. Annie C. Kaldenbach, 112 West Fayette street, have just announced the fact. All this time the union has been a secret, not even confided to their most intimate friends. They are now living at the home of the young man's parents.

Young Fox has just attained his majority and cast his first vote at the last election. His bride is two years his junior. They were nineteen and seventeen, respectively, when they eloped to York, Pa., and were married.

RATS KEEP GUARDS AWAKE

Night Watchmen in Agriculture Building Are Disturbed.

Special to The Washington Herald.

Rodents overrun building at night, and one man is bitten while he was asleep.

Night watchmen in the Agricultural Department Building are complaining lately because of the fact that rats have become so numerous and so large that their slumbers are disturbed.

Some time ago, several old frame buildings owned by the government were torn down. These structures are said to have been alive with rats, and driven from their homes, they were compelled to seek the nearest quarters.

Quarters happened to be the Agricultural Department buildings. The rodents live on the remains of the lunches of the employees.

One watchman fell asleep the other night, and during his slumbers one of his arms fell to the floor. The result was that he was awakened suddenly by a bite on the hand. He was startled to behold a rat, which he declares was nearly as large as the ordinary house cat.

For a time it was feared the watchman who had been asleep at the switch and contrary to the orders of his captain, might suffer an attack of blood poisoning, but his hand was carefully nursed, and he has fully recovered.

The rats simply take charge of the Agricultural Building since the night, and they scamp about the halls all night long. The watchmen say one must be a sound sleeper to withstand all the noise created by the playful and hungry rats. It is only occasionally when one of them is restless and cannot sleep, so it seems, that the rats are seen by the watchmen. But the trusty night man has seen them, and there are so many of the pests that it is impossible that the department officials since the night of the rat plague have not seen them.

Not for the benefit of the night watchman, but the building and its contents. Several years ago ferrets were introduced to scare away the rats.

SMOKE NUISANCE TO END.

Railroad Engines Come Under Ban of New Baltimore Ordinance.

Special to The Washington Herald.

Baltimore, Md., Nov. 20.—The effect of the anti-smoke ordinance, which has been signed by Mayor Thomas, is to prohibit the discharge of black or dark gray smoke from the chimneys or smokestacks of every kind of building or engine within the city, except from those stacks or chimneys belonging to buildings devoted exclusively to manufacturing. It means that the railroad companies, whose locomotives are such prolific contributors to the smoke nuisance, must adopt some method to prevent the escape of smoke from their engines. Members of the Anti-Smoke League decide that they will see that the ordinance is strictly enforced.

Penitentiary Matron Dies.

Special to The Washington Herald.

Richmond, Va., Nov. 20.—Mrs. Lavina S. Page, who has been matron of the State Penitentiary since the position was created in 1892, died last night. She was a woman of refinement, and in a great way worked very salutary reforms in the treatment of women prisoners in the Virginia Penitentiary.

Mrs. Warfield Rapidly Improving.

Special to The Washington Herald.

Annapolis, Md., Nov. 20.—Mrs. Warfield, wife of the governor, who has been indisposed for the last two weeks, is now in an improved condition. Mrs. Warfield has been suffering from an injury to the limb sustained about a month ago by striking it against a step, and she has been under treatment of a physician ever since.

Fredericksburg Girl a Bride.

Special to The Washington Herald.

Fredericksburg, Va., Nov. 20.—J. Clinton Farmer, of Henrico County, and Miss Bessie D. Way, of this city, were married this evening at the residence of the officiating minister, Rev. Aubrey Williams, of the Baptist Church.

Thomas Lam Soon to Be Tried.

Special to The Washington Herald.

Hagerstown, Md., Nov. 20.—Thomas Lam, charged with killing his cousin, Frank P. Hensley, was committed to-day to the grand jury by a magistrate. He will be indicted next Saturday, and the trial will probably take place during the present term of court.

Mrs. John Pendleton Is Dead.

Special to The Washington Herald.

Fredericksburg, Va., Nov. 20.—Mrs. John Pendleton died yesterday at her home in Spotsylvania County, of asthma, aged sixty-five years. Several children survive her.

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HALTS NEAR BRIDGE

Alexandria Car Derailed, But Passengers Escape.

COMPELLED TO WALK TO CITY

Soldier Charged with Theft Turned Over to Commander at Port Hunt by City Authorities—Perry Steamer Helplessly Drifts in Fog—Visited Ashburn Lodge—Alexandria News.

WASHINGTON HERALD BUREAU.

(Bell Telephone 113.)

Corner of Prince and Royal Streets.

Alexandria, Va., Nov. 20.—Owing, it is said, to an improperly turned switch, a northbound train which left Alexandria at 10:25 o'clock this morning over the Washington, Alexandria and Mount Vernon electric line, was derailed about a hundred yards south of the new Highway Bridge. Although the train was traveling rapidly at the time of the accident, the motorman succeeded in stopping it within thirty yards of the place where it left the track. No one was injured, but many of the passengers were shaken up and considerably excited. Most of those on the train were compelled to walk the remainder of the distance to Washington. A wrecking crew replaced the cars on the track this afternoon and they were taken to the shops at Four Mile Run for repairs. Conductor Charles W. Simpson and Motorman Enoch Davis were in charge of the train.

Soldier Turned Over to Officer.

Alva Thurman, a private of the Forty-Seventh Coast Artillery, U. S. A., who was arrested at Port Hunt a few days ago and brought here to await an examination on charges of having stolen a valuable gold watch, chain and chain in addition to some money, was to-day turned over to the commanding officer at Port Hunt. The owner of the property, said to be O. B. Wheeler, of New York, refused to prosecute.

Steamer Helpless in Fog.

Shortly after the ferry steamer Callahan had left her dock here for the noon trip to Washington, an accident occurred to her machinery which left her practically helpless in the fog. Two tugs went to her assistance and many of the passengers were taken off by the tugboats.

The tugs finally managed to bring the Callahan to one of the King street wharves. In order to repair damages, she will probably be out of commission for several days, during which time her place on the route will be taken by the Woodbury. Before the Callahan was returned to the wharf she went aground and some difficulty was experienced in floating her. It is stated that the trouble was due to a break in the rudder.

Visited Ashburn Lodge.

Col. K. Kemper, grand master of Masons in Virginia, accompanied by William A. Moore, Jr., past master of Alexandria Washington Lodge of this city, paid an official visit last night to Ashburn Lodge, No. 288, at Ashburn, J. S. Green, D. D. G. H. P., of district No. 1, assisted last evening in the institution of London Royal Arch Chapter, No. 35, at Leesburg.

A large gathering attended the third progressive euchre party, under the auspices of the Council of Jewish Women, held this evening in Levee Hall. The proceeds of the affair will be devoted to charitable purposes.

A settlement out of court has been reached in the suit of Capt. William Beatty against the Washington Southern Railway Company for damages for personal injuries alleged to have been caused by a runaway accident, said to have been caused indirectly by a sudden blast from a locomotive.

Arrangements have been completed for the meeting to be held to-morrow evening in Lane's Opera House for the interest of the public schools of this city. The gathering will be under the auspices of the State board of education, and will be addressed by several prominent persons.

DR. A. E. DICKINSON IS DEAD.

Editor of the Religious Herald and Widely Known Minister.

Special to The Washington Herald.

Richmond, Va., Nov. 20.—Rev. Dr. A. E. Dickinson, one of the most widely known ministers in the Southern Baptist Church, and for many years editor of the Religious Herald, died to-day.

He has been in feeble health for some years. He was seventy-six years old, and was a graduate of Richmond College and of the University of Virginia.

He was a native of Orange County and held his first charge in Charlottesville fifty years ago. Later he became pastor of Leigh Street Baptist Church, in this city.

In connection with Dr. J. B. Jester he made the Religious Herald one of the ablest and most widely known of the religious journals.

He was married three times, his first wife being Miss Fannie Taylor, daughter of Dr. James B. Taylor. Born of them were James T. Dickinson, D. D., pastor of the First Baptist Church, Rochester, N. Y.; Mrs. Fannie Torian, and Misses Nila and Janie Dickinson.

His second wife was Mrs. Lou Craddock, of Halifax, whose only child is Miss Hallie Dickinson.

A few years ago he married Miss Bessie Bagby, of King and Queen County, who survives him.

RAILROAD MEN NOT READY.

Conference with Swanson About R. F. & P. Presidency Adjourns.

Special to The Washington Herald.

Richmond, Va., Nov. 20.—The railroad officials who came here to-day for a conference with Gov. Swanson and the State officials in connection with the appointment of president of the Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac Railroad, asked for more time, and the meeting was adjourned until December 15.

Those present were President Walters, of the Atlantic Coast Line; President George W. Stevens, of the Chesapeake and Ohio; and Samuel Roca, third vice president of the Pennsylvania.

Dr. James W. Massey Is Married.

Special to The Washington Herald.

Fredericksburg, Va., Nov. 20.—Antioch Baptist Church in Orange County, was the scene of a pretty wedding to-day when Miss Mattie Biscoe, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Biscoe, of Granite Springs, Spotsylvania County, of asthma, aged Dr. James W. Massey, of Astoria, Oregon, Rev. Charles E. Saunders performing the ceremony.

Mrs. Hockman Passes Away.

Winchester, Va., Nov. 20.—Mrs. Barbara J. Hockman, wife of William A. Hockman, of Bartonville, died last night after a long illness, aged forty-six. Mrs. Hockman was a daughter of John E. Cope, of Kernstown, and a sister of Rev. H. Cope, of Washington. She is survived by her husband, two sons, and three daughters.

SLAYER OF SON FACES JURY.

Israel Monggold Smiles as He Answers to Murder Charge.

Special to The Washington Herald.

Harrisonburg, Va., Nov. 20.—Israel Monggold, the aged slayer of his son, Casper Monggold, in Brock Gap, forty miles northwest of Harrisonburg, two months ago, was placed on trial to-day in the Circuit Court of Rockingham. The entire day was spent in examining the qualifications of jurors to try the case, and it was not until late in the evening that a panel was secured.

The indictment was read as the gray-headed old man stood before the clerk's desk. He remained unmoved by the charge against him, spat on the floor as the clerk finished reading the charge, and sat down with a smile. No evidence will be taken until to-morrow.

The crime was committed the latter part of last August at the home of Monggold, who is one of the wealthiest men in that section of the country. The boy was shot in the back and his father remained barricaded in the house with the dead body over his shoulder until he was taken to a posse. He admitted his crime and has since been in jail. He is sixty-nine years of age.

SHOOT NEGRO AT WOODPILE.

Thief Reached for His Gun, but Owner of Fuel Got First Shot.

Special to The Washington Herald.

Culpeper, Nov. 20.—John Burgam, alias William Craig, shot and instantly killed Edward Lewis, near Egghorins, Va., in this county, late last evening.

Craig caught Lewis in the act of stealing his wood and, on being encountered, Lewis made ready to shoot Craig, but the latter shot first. Craig, directly after the killing came to town and surrendered to the county sheriff. The grand jury being in session, it heard the evidence with the result that Craig was discharged. Both are negroes. Lewis had a bad reputation in his neighborhood.

TO CONFER WITH EMPLOYERS

Building Trades Journeymen Go Slow in Plumbers' Case.

Delegates Go on Record Against the Open Shop, but Defer Taking Definite Action.

The following unions and allied associations will meet to-day:

Barbers' Union, No. 23-27 Seventh street north-west.

Electrical Workers, No. 148—Building Trades' Hall.

Machinists, Columbia Lodge, No. 174—Naval Lodge Hall, Fourth street and Pennsylvania avenue southeast.

Marble and Slate Carriers, Interior, No. 5—Building Trades' Hall.

Painters, No. 428-435 Louisiana avenue northwest.

Retail Clerks, No. 262—Society Temple, Fifth and G streets northwest.

Conservative counsel prevailed at last night's meeting of representatives of sixteen building trades, who met in the Corcoran building to discuss the differences between the journeymen plumbers and the Master Plumbers' Association.

Each trade was represented by two delegates, every one of whom went on record as being unalterably opposed to permitting the open-shop question to be considered in the matters now before the board of arbitration.

Before taking any definite action, however, it was agreed to ask a conference with the Master Builders' Association.

The committee is composed of one representative from each of the sixteen trades allied with the plumbers in the building section.

Many Unionists at Smoker.

Between three and four hundred members of various labor organizations attended the smoker given at the National Rifles Army last night by I. U. S. E.

Local No. 7, Holding of Portable Engine, Engineers and Firemen, of Rockville, included a five-round sparring contest between "Mysterious Don," of Michigan, and Young Shirer, of local fame.

Refreshments were abundant. The affair was the third to be given by Local 7. The arrangements were handled by a committee composed of James J. McCracken, chairman; F. J. Nicols, secretary; J. V. Rushton, treasurer; James Devlin, D. J. Fitzgerald, J. J. Cosgrove, E. W. King, J. C. Bishop, D. P. McCracken, George Whelan, James Goodwin, and William H. Ratcliffe.

MAY LAY OFF ONLY 1,000 MEN.

Commander Leutze Expects Wage Board to Report by December 15.

Special to The Washington Herald.

"It is not true," said Capt. E. H. C. Leutze, commandant at the navy yard, yesterday afternoon, "that we intend to lay off one-half of our force here between now and the end of the year. It is a mistake if I have been so quoted."

"What I did say was that we are likely to lay off a thousand men within the next three months; but as we employ about 10,000 men, this would be only one-tenth of our number."

Asked as to recommendations the wage board may make in regard to the increase of pay asked by the machinists, Capt. Leutze said that he declined to predict the action of the board, the three members of which he added, are meeting every day now, and will probably complete their labors in this regard about December 15.

The commandant declined to discuss the personnel of the board, which is composed of officers appointed by himself.

Business Agent Adams, of Columbia Lodge No. 174, International Association of Machinists, which is composed entirely of navy yard employees, is expected to return to-day from his tour of Harrisonburg, Altoona, and Philadelphia, where he has been collecting data regarding the wage scale, cost of living, &c., in connection with the industrial plants of those cities.

Thomas E. Carroll, a member of the committee appointed by Columbia Lodge to confer with the wage board, said yesterday that while it is true, as Commandant Leutze has stated, that the failure of Congress to make needed appropriations will result in the laying off of many employees, the fact remains that within the last two years the government has contracted with private concerns for considerable work that might have been done at the navy yard at less cost than the contract price.

Mr. Carroll further declared that much of this contract work has been full of defects.

TRAINMEN'S UNION SCORED.

Federation of Labor Denounces the Brotherhood as Strike-breakers.

Minneapolis, Minn., Nov. 20.—John Mitchell, president of the United Mine Workers, presided over to-day's session of the American Federation of Labor, at which the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen was denounced as a "strike-breaking" organization, and resolutions were adopted recognizing the sovereignty of the Switchmen's Union of North America as having complete jurisdiction over railroad yard and switching crews.

The Reds Coming Home.

London, Nov. 20.—Ambassador and Mrs. Whitelaw Reid will sail for New York on December 5, with the intention of spending the Christmas holidays in America.

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